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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON

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1. WE APPRECIATED COMMENTS AND ANALYSES IN REFTELS.
2. WE HAVE HAD TWO RECENT OCCASIONS TO RAISE WITH VISITING ISRAELI SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS POTENTIAL PROBLEMS POSED BY "GOOD FENCE" ALONG LINES SET FORTH IN REFTELS. THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSES WERE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR AND/OR DCM ALSO PRESENT AT THESE MEETINGS.
3. GENERAL RAVIV, DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH, SUGGESTED THAT ISRAELI ATTITUDE WOULD BE DETERMINED BY ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AT TIME. HE SUGGESTED THAT GOI WOULD NOT INSIST ON OPERATING "GOOD FENCE" POLICY IF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY COULD ENFORCE LAW AND ORDER IN SOUTH.

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4. FMA DIRGEN AVINERI WAS MORE EQUIVOCAL, LEAVING CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT, REGARDLESS OF OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT OBTAIN, GOI WOULD VIEW "GOOD FENCE" PER SE AS IMPORTANT FORM OF REASSURANCE TO ITS CHRISTIAN FRIENDS IN SOUTH. AT SAME TIME, AVINERI DID SAY THAT ISRAELI POSITION AS STATED BY ALLON, WHICH INCLUDED MAINTENANCE OF "GOOD FENCE" AMONG ISRAELI CONDITIONS, WAS DIRECTED TO PRESENT

SITUATION AND THAT EXTENSION OF LEBANESE FORCE UNDER SARKIS' AUTHORITY TO SOUTH LEBANON WOULD CREATE A NEW SITUATION.

5. MAIN POINT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WAS TO GET ON RECORD (A) OUR SILENCE RE ALLON'S "FOUR POINTS" SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS OUR AGREEMENT WITH THEM; AND (B) INDEED, WE COULD SEE POSSIBLE FUTURE PROBLEMS WITH POINT RE "GOOD FENCE."
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